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... learn more about your local H_2O

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -- As *Drinking Water Week* continues, the Murfreesboro Water and Sewer Department joins the American Water Works Association and water professionals across North America in highlighting the importance of getting to know your local water resources.

"We all agree that water is an essential element in our daily lives, but many of us can't say for certain where our tap water comes from," says AWWA Executive Director David LaFrance.

"Drinking Water Week is a great opportunity to find out whether your drinking water comes from a lake, stream or centuries-old underground aquifer," MWSD Water Department Superintendent Alan Cranford explained. The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. Help protect your source water by properly disposing of your automotive products, lawn and garden products, and household cleaners. Do your part to protect the environment and your drinking water.

Source water information is available from many places including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's watershed tool and the Health Canada website. However, the single best source of information is water providers. AWWA encourages customers to contact your local utilities to learn more about their water resources and the process that delivers water to homes and businesses in your community. Information about ground water quality and ways you can help protect local water sources from pollution may also be available.

By learning more about local water sources, customers and water providers can work together to be sure they are available for generations to come.